

SUBJECT: Codification of laws within Government Code

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, with amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — Seidlits, T. Hunter, Black, Danburg, Denton, Eckels, D. Jones, Saunders, Tallas, S. Turner, Wolens

0 nays

4 absent — Erickson, Goodman, Marchant, Wilson

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, February 11 — voice vote

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — (Registered only — David Kramer, Texas Legislative Council)

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Council is required by Government Code sec. 323 to organize Texas statutes more logically and make nonsubstantive revisions that bring recently enacted laws into conformity with existing codes; eliminate or renumber repealed, invalid, duplicative or other ineffective provisions; and provide for future expansion.

DIGEST: SB 248 would enact a nonsubstantive revision of Texas statutes relating to areas of government that affect or involve both state and local entities, including the operation of government and governmental bodies, public officers and employees and fiscal affairs.

The bill would codify these laws into three new titles within the Government Code:

- Title 5: Open Government; Ethics;
- Title 6: Public Officers and Employees; and
- Title 10: General Government.

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SB 248 also would make conforming amendments to these codes: Civil Practices and Remedies, Criminal Procedure, Education, Local Government and Tax.

NOTES:

The committee amendment would make several additional nonsubstantive revisions. A floor amendment will be offered to address typographical errors.